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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE

IN RE:

AMENDMENT TO LOCAL RULE 40.01)

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 180

ORDER

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §2071(e), the United States District Court for the Middle District of Tennessee hereby amends LR40.01 as attached and incorporated herein by reference effective immediately.

The amendment changes LR40.01 to assign Northeastern Division cases to a single judge and to relieve that judge from the assignment of Columbia Division cases. The amendment's immediate adoption is necessitated by the appointment of a new judge and is made pursuant to Administrative Order No. 154, adopted on January 21, 2009, which has been publicly available on the Court's website since that time.

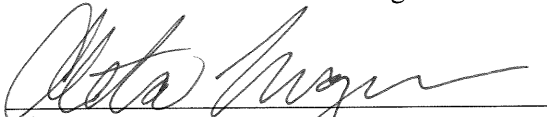
Concurrent with the adoption of the amendment to LR40.01 without notice and public comment pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §2071(e), the Court hereby directs the Clerk to provide notice of the amendment and a public comment period regarding the changes. Notice shall be posted on the Court's website and sent to attorneys registered with the Court's CM/ECF system. The comment period shall commence upon entry of this Order and shall expire thirty (30) days thereafter. Amended LR40.01 shall remain in effect pending any further order of the Court following the notice and comment period. If no objections are received, no further order will be required.

The Clerk of Court shall furnish a copy of amended LR40.01 to the Judicial Council of the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals and the Administrative Office of the United States Courts.

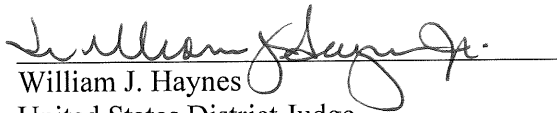
It is so ORDERED.



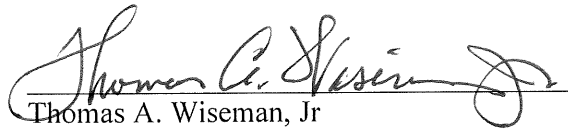
Todd J. Campbell
Chief United States District Judge



Aleta Trauger
United States District Judge



William J. Haynes
United States District Judge



Thomas A. Wiseman, Jr
Senior United States District Judge



John T. Nixon
Senior United States District Judge

AMENDED LR40.01:

LR40.01 - ASSIGNMENT OF CIVIL CASES

- (a) Civil Cases.**
 - (1) Nashville Division.** Civil cases in the Nashville Division shall be assigned on a random selection basis.
 - (2) Northeastern Division.** Civil cases in the Northeastern Division shall be assigned to one District Judge as designated by Administrative Order of the Court.
 - (3) Columbia Division.** Civil cases in the Columbia Division shall be assigned on a random selection basis with the exception that the District Judge assigned Northeastern Division cases shall not be assigned Columbia Division cases.
- (b) Responsibility of Clerk.** The Clerk shall be responsible for the preparation and maintenance of case assignments among the several District Judges in accordance with the current assignment procedures to ensure an equal overall distribution of case assignments among the District Judges.

PRIOR LR40.01:

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